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## THE PRESIDENCY:

## Adlai vs. Ev?

Even for the youngest elected President in history, it had been a strenuous week, and John F. Kennedy, the country's most widely publicized touch footballer, topped it off with a day of football—as a spectator. Through the first half, as Navy went ahead 3-0 over Army, he watched from the Army's side of Philadelphia Stadium; during the second half, while Navy wrapped it up, 16-7, he sat with the Middies.

A special train stood by to rush him back to Washington, from where he helicoptered off to Middleburg, Va., to join

his wife and two children. It was to be only a brief respite before still another busy week that would take him to New York to address the National Association of Manufacturers, and then to Florida, where he was scheduled to speak to the Young Democratic Clubs and the AFL-CIO conventions.

Despite the travel, the President probably will find the upcoming schedule somewhat more relaxed than last week's, which required him to make major changes in the White House-State Department setup (see page 24); to hold a press conference; and to say farewell and award a National Security Medal to Allen W. Dulles, who resigned after nine years as CIA director.

**Practical Politics:** At his weekly meeting with United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Mr. Kennedy learned that Stevenson is "intrigued" with the possibility of running for the Senate against Illinois Republican Everett Dirksen. "I talked with the President about whether I should even consider it," said Stevenson, a former governor of Illinois who was twice the Democratic candidate for President.

What Mr. Kennedy advised Stevenson to do neither man was saying.

The President was outspoken on the subject of national defense, however. At his midweek press conference he was asked about reports that morale is low among the Wisconsin and Texas National Guardsmen called to the colors last October (see page 26). Heatedly, the President scolded reporters who "interview servicemen and build up the sense that Americans are not ready to serve their country."

Not was there any truth to reports, the President said, that the National Guardsmen would be kept on active duty for more than a year. And as it to underline that statement, unofficial sources inside the Pentagon indicated that the administration had decided to create two new Regular Army divisions, presumably to replace the two National Guard divisions.

Confidently, the President said, "I would say that any serviceman who is doing his job, however unsatisfactory it may be, will recognize that he is doing his duty to the security of his country."

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